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1940 WILDCAT

VOLUME I

PRESENTED
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THE SENIOR CLASS

UNION HIGH SCHOOL

Van Wert, Ohio

FOREWORD

Reflecting our school life in picture and writing, the Annual Staff of Union High School presents this first volume of the 1940 Wildcat to students, alumni and friends of the school as a proof that hopes for us have been in a measure fulfilled.

We, of the Staff, see in it a goal attained; you who have already traversed this path may see in it customs set by you which are still worthy of pursuit for labor; and you who are following us in the path may find in it a challenge for future endeavors.

The Editors

DEDICATION

To Miss Mary Bowers, who started her teaching career by giving the Class of 1940 its successful start in school, we hereby dedicate this first volume of the 1940 WILDCAT. Through her never failing influence and encouragement we have completed our career at Union School.

"Success Crowns Patient Effort"

These four words can and do hold a philosophy of life. They show that success is not to be measured in dollars and cents but that it means much more. It must be measured in terms of a goal set for oneself. It indicates that it can be accomplished by trying and not without trying. The Senior Class, in choosing this motto, indicates its desire for success and shows that it realizes that honest patient effort is necessary.

The best that we can wish for each one in the class is the choice of a worthy goal in life and the attainment of this goal by patient effort.

Paul G. Weiler,
Superintendent

Our Alma Mater

Ye Staffe

SCHOOL HOUSE

Our Union School, the first centralized school in the county, was completed in 1916. Through the years, the students who have had the use of it left with many pleasant memories of their school life. In 1936 an addition of a combined gymnasium and auditorium was completed. This makes our school one of the best in the county.

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TWENTY-THIRD ANNUAL BACCALAUREATE

UNION TOWNSHIP HIGH SCHOOL

Sunday Evening, May 19, 1940

Processional.....Miss Mary Bowers

Invocation.....Rev. Glenn Robinson

(remain standing)

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TWENTY-THIRD ANNUAL COMMENCEMENT

UNION TOWNSHIP HIGH SCHOOL

Wednesday Evening, May 22, 1940

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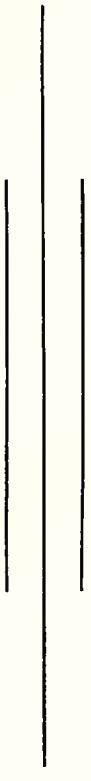
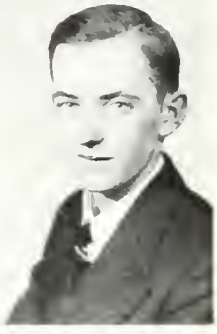




Seniors And Their Activities

Juanita Baer—Glee Club 2, 3, 4; Mixed Chorus 1, 2, 3, 4; Music Festival 3, 4; Girl Reserves 1, 2, 3, 4; Basketball 2, 3, 4; Play 4.

Mildred Basil—Glee Club 1, 2, 3, 4; Mixed Chorus 1, 2, 3, 4; Music Festival 2, 3, 4; Girl Reserves 1, 2, 3, 4; Basketball 1, 2, 3; Band 1, 2, 3, 4; Play 3.

Mary Davis—Glee Club 2, 3, 4; Mixed Chorus 1, 2, 3, 4; Music Festival 2, 3, 4; Girl Reserves 1, 2, 3, 4; Girl Reserve President 4; Girl Reserve Secretary 3; Basketball 2, 3, 4; Class Secretary 1, 4; Play 3.

Willard Dougal—Basketball 1, 2, 3, 4; Baseball 1, 2, 3, 4; Glee Club 2, 3; Mixed Chorus 1, 2, 3.

Miriam Flickinger—Glee Club 2, 3, 4; Mixed Chorus 1, 2, 3, 4; Music Festival 3, 4; Girl Reserves 1, 2, 3, 4; Basketball 4; Play 4.

Charles Hargesheimer—Glee Club 2, 3, 4; Mixed Chorus 1, 2, 3, 4; Music Festival 2, 3, 4; Basketball 1, 2, 3, 4; Baseball 1, 2, 3, 4; Vice President 1, 4; President 2; Play 4.

Gene Hoaglin—Glee Club 2, 3, 4; Mixed Chorus 1, 2, 3; Music Festival 2, 3; Baseball 1, 2, 3, 4; Vice President 3; Play 3.

Don Knerr—Glee Club 2, 3, 4; Mixed Chorus 1, 2, 3, 4; Music Festival 2, 3, 4; Basketball 2, 3, 4; Band 1, 2, 3, 4; Baseball 2, 3, 4; President 1, 4; Plays 3, 4.

Maryellen Knerr—Secretary 3; Girl Reserves 1, 2, 3; Play 3; Basketball 4.

Karl Laemmle—Glee Club 2, 3, 4,; Mixed Chorus 1, 2, 3, 4; Music Festival 3; Basketball 1, 2, 3, 4; Baseball 3, 4; Play 4.

Dorothy Mason—Glee Club 2, 3, 4; Mixed Chorus 1, 2, 3, 4; Music Festival 2, 3, 4; Girl Reserves 1, 2, 3; Play 4.

Eloise Miller—Glee Club 2, 3, 4; Mixed Chorus 1, 2, 3, 4; Music Festival 2, 3, 4; Girl Reserve 1, 2, 3, 4; Basketball 1, 2, 3, 4; Play 4.

Phoebe McCandlish—Glee Club 4; Mixed Chorus 4; Music Festival 4; Girl Reserve 3, 4; Play 4.

Lindsay McCandlish—Glee Club 4; Mixed Chorus 4; Boy Scout 1, 2, 3.

Grace Murphy—Glee Club 2, 3, 4; Mixed Chorus 1, 2, 3, 4; Music Festival 2, 3; Girl Reserves 1, 2, 3, 4; Play 3; Secretary 2.

Barney Short—Glee Club 2, 3, 4; Mixed Chorus 1, 2, 3, 4; Music Festival 3, 4; Basketball 1, 2, 3, 4; Baseball 2, 3, 4; Vice President 2; Play 3; Band 1, 2, 3, 4.

Robert Smith—Glee Club 2, 3, 4; Mixed Chorus 2, 3; Music Festival 2; Basketball manager 4; Annual Editor; Play 4.

Earl Speelman—Glee Club 2, 3, 4; Mixed Chorus 2, 3; Basketball Manager 3; Baseball Manager 3; President 3; Play 3.

Virginia Stripe—Glee Club 1, 2, 3, 4; Mixed Chorus 1, 2, 3, 4; Music Festival 2, 3, 4; Girl Reserves 1, 2, 3, 4; Basketball Manager 1, 3, 4; Girl Reserve Secretary 4; Play 3.

Vondale Taylor—Basketball 1, 2, 3, 4; Baseball 1, 2, 3, 4; Play 4.

SENIORS

Seniors! Yes, we are all Seniors about to enter into a vast world of ups and downs.

When as Freshmen, we began our life as high school students, we were eager and desirous of success. Our class was a very unusual Freshmen class as we were all, more or less, interested in athletics. However, we broadened out into fields of music, and scholastic honors.

And then, we found ourselves a step nearer our goal. Sophomores! The Freshmen experienced their first taste of high school life when we honored them at a Freshman-Sophomore Initiation Party on Hallowe'en night. Several of us still treasure memories of that party!

When we again found ourselves at school, we had begun to feel slightly superior. Why shouldn't we? We were Juniors! Several members of the class displayed their dramatical talent when they presented "The Crazy Mix-Up." This was followed by one of the major events of our school life, the "Junior-Senior Reception," when we all pretended we were farmers.

Now, we are Seniors; some of us about to leave school; others striving toward a higher goal through higher education.

The leadership of Don Knerr and the attitude of the Senior class in general has made this a year filled with parties, festivals, plays, work, play and advancement.

We know that all this work has not been done in vain, but believe as we bid you "goodbye" that it has been well worth our time and struggles.

Juanita E. Baer

CLASS WILL

We, the Senior Class of 1940, of the Township of Union, County of Van Wert, and State of Ohio, being of sound and disposing mind and memory, do make, publish and declare this our Last Will and Testament, hereby revoking and making null and void all other Wills and Testaments made by us heretofore.

Section I

Article 1. We give and bequeath to the faculty of Union School, the feeling of relief they will sense when we as Seniors of '40 receive our graduation diplomas.

Article II. We bequeath to the Junior Class our ability to make money (of which they are badly in need) and our ability to place Union on the map.

Article III. We bequeath to the Sophomore Class a better chance than we had.

Article IV. We give to the Freshmen our ability to get along with the teachers.

Section II

Lindsay McCandlish, the only quiet boy of the class of '40 bequeaths his dislike of the girls to Lester Goings, who can easily use it.

Virginia Stripe wills her ever dependable parking lot for chewing gum to any Junior who is lucky enough to get her seat next year.

Gene Hoaglin wills all blondes and brunettes to anybody who can attract them, but refuses to relinquish his claim on redheads.

Phoebe McCandlish gives her ability to write long letters to Catherine Hunter who might use it in place of long speeches on this and that.

Karl Laemmle wills Corwin Ray all of the A's which he finds on his grade card.

Maryellen Knerr, "Sadie" to you, wills her recipe book, "What to Feed Your Husband to Make Him Fat and Lovable" to Lois Ruth Borden.

Charles Hargesheimer wills "that way with the women" to Glenn Knerr.

Mary Davis wills her "superiority" to Donna Dumar, also her abilities as a secretary.

Robert Smith wills his ability to be a successful and efficient Annual editor to some Junior who will have the same weighty responsibility in '41.

Mildred Basil, our future nurse, wills her ability to get along with the teachers to Ruth Hoaglin.

Vondale Taylor wills his sweat socks, which can walk, to Bob Barry.

Grace Murphy, little but mighty, wills her red hair and the temper that goes with it to Lois Cress.

Barney Short wills his Dodge, that runs without guiding, to Burton Hoblet. Take heed Ben!

Dorothy Mason wills her ability to attract Hollywood to Phyllis Shaffner.

Willard Dougal wills his badly worn books and magazines, all except the Popular Mechanics and Popular Science to Carl Foust. Make good use of them, Carl.

Miriam Flickinger wills her "kid" brother, Marhl, to the teachers so they will have some one to "bawl out" in the years to come.

Earl Speelman, the windiest person I've ever met, wills some of his stored away air to Dale McOmber.

Eloise Miller wills the curly hair that she wishes she had to Anna Kathryn Baer.

Don Knerr wills his ideas on how to build a winning basketball team to Mr. Fasig or any other coach.

And I, Juanita Baer, will my ability to argue with anyone and everyone to Leola Speelman.

(Signed)

THE SENIOR CLASS

Section III.

Article 1. We, the members of the Senior Class, do hereby appoint Dale McOmber to carry out the exactment of this our last Will and Testament.

Article II. In witness whereof, I the undersigned have hereunto set my hand on the seal on the 24th day of May in the year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Forty.

Don Knerr

(Class President)

VISIONS IN A DREAM

Resting before the fireplace in my comfortable, cozy room, I felt quite elated at having been promoted to the job of being supervisor of the Cincinnati playgrounds, yet a feeling of loneliness for the sight of my classmates crept over me. Knowing that I couldn't go to see them, however, I picked up a popular book hoping that reading would divert my mind, but soon drowsiness overtook me and I was in a peaceful slumber dreaming of my friends.

At first all was hazy and dark but out of dimness came a silver object. It was a large airliner piloted by Vondale Taylor and in the cabin, making everyone cheerful and comfortable, was Juanita Baer, airline hostess. I watched the plane descend upon a spacious field and there by the corral stood Charles Hargesheimer, owner of the famous C Z ranch in Colorado, waiting for Earl Speelman, a special political guest, to get off the plane.

For a moment the picture grew hazy and shifting; then I saw Miriam working in a neatly decorated beauty salon in Columbus. She is calling the long distance operator, Grace Murphy, for a connection with New York. Evidently she wishes to speak to Miss Virginia Stripe, a distinguished dramatic teacher.

The picture blots out, but here's a new one exposing Robert Smith as he leaves his office at the Smith-Hughes office in Washington, D. C. to catch a train for Fort Wayne, Indiana. He is to speak at a farmers' meeting and among those to hear his advice will be Barney Short, prominent farmer; also Karl Laemmle, who is specializing in hybrid seed corn.

As the scene shifts again, I see a school house. Sure—it is dear old Union, even though it is enlarged and improved. In a well equipped Home Economic's room I hear Miss Mary Davis telling her pupils that next week they will have a special guest, Maryellen Knerr, to give them information on dietetics, as she is a dietician in the Flower Hospital in Toledo. Mildred Basil is a capable nurse at the same hospital.

Fog and blackness blot out the picture and in its place, I see a vision of Gene Hoaglin giving his baseball team some final advice before playing the decisive game of the season. His Indians are playing the Giants before a large audience in Detroit. Little does he realize that Don Knerr, mathematics teacher and basketball coach at Grover Hill, will be there to see his classmate once again.

Gradually the scene changes revealing Dorothy in a small, attractive, white house in California, greeting Phoebe McCandlish. The former Miss Mason listens in delight as Phoebe enthusiastically tells of her wedding plans.

Now everything is dark but there in the greyness, I see Lindsay McCandlish developing pictures. He has in his hand a picture of Willard Dougal, the man who made headlines by inventing a new type engine. His picture will be in the San Francisco Daily Times, with details of the invention.

Suddenly I awoke with a start to find it all a dream! Nevertheless, I felt somewhat cheered and comforted as I picked up the book where it had dropped on the floor and prepared to sleep in bed for the remaining few hours of the night.

Eloise Miller

JUNIOR BROADCAST

Class Flower, American Rose Class Colors, Red and Silver

Motto, "Building for Character not for Fame"

Station J. R. C. broadcasting on a frequency of 1940 kilocycles, presents for your entertainment a series of News Chats, originating in the studios of Union High School.

Announcing this program for our genial sponsor Mr. Fasig, is none other than President Dale McOmber, assisted by Vice President Mildred Thompson, Secretary Eleanor Dumar, and Treasurer Gerald Reid. Miss Thompson now takes you behind the scenes in Junior life, Miss Thompson!

Greetings, Annual listeners! Since my last chat with you our number has decreased from seventeen to sixteen. Early in the fall we opened our social season with a party, later a Christmas party, and then in March the graceful girls with the gallant lads in the class for partners took to the floor of the Y. W. C. A., on skates.

What parties do to finances is a long story. To help finance the Junior-Senior banquet honoring the noble Seniors, we sold pop-corn at the basketball games. We wish to thank our patrons.

Late in January we searched for a memento which might, in years to come remind us of our successful broadcast. At last a gracefully designed ring, bearing the station of our broadcast, U. H. S., was selected and purchased by every member.

Our greatest thrill was the presentation of "This Night Beware," including a cast of 12 characters. In addition we all participated in various activities, sports, fellowship, music, and faced them bravely.

Next year listen in again—same time, same station—for the latest bulletin of Junior life.

Mildred Thompson

BETTY MACE

DALE MCCMBER

NEVA MAE RICE

BURTON HOBLET

ROBERT WHITAKER

ELEANOR DUMAR

GERALD REID

ALICE EHMAN

ERNEST RICKARD

VIOLET FIOCK

EUGENE TAYLOR

EARL DELONG

FRED EHMAN

LESTER GOINGS

SOPHOMORE FLIGHT

On Monday September 13, 1939, a group of sixteen carefree Sophomores piled out of orange buses (looking strangely like schoolbuses), into a waiting green and silver tri-motor passenger plane which glistened in the brilliant sunlight like a huge bird. Joyously we boarded the huge monster. Miss Sheley, our sponsor, saw to it that our motors were soon humming and we started off in grand manner, with our president Anna Kathryn Baer as pilot, Vice-President Robert McCoy at the controls and Secretary-Treasurer Beryl Grubaugh as radio operator. Toward the last of September we swooped down from the heavens with a perfect landing and picked up a new passenger, Margaret Oberster. Our plane was refueled, our motors looked over and again we went zooming into the distance in the same grand style as the first.

At dawn, October 16, an eventful day was born. We landed in our radio operator's pasture and gave the Freshman a jolly initiation into the high school. The next day we resumed our flight.

On December 19, we landed for an evening of polishing the floor of a skating rink. (this is called skating for some). Then we resumed our so far perfect flight. But "into each life a little rain must fall," and towards the last of December a huge black cloud loomed on the horizon. Bravely our ship met the storm (semester exams to you), and we came out victorious. Our pilot decided that, although our ship had braved the storm wonderfully, a bit of repair really wouldn't hurt it. So in January we landed again. This time when we took off, a new passenger, Phyllis Shaffner, went along. We glided along through January and February. The rest of the year passed along with nothing much happening except for a few more minor storms. Our flight ended in May and was indeed a real success.

A passenger,

Lois Ruth Borden

SOPHOMORES

FRESHMEN

SOPHOMORE CLASS ROLL

Row One. (Read left to right) Beryl Grubaugh, Lois Taylor, Carl Foust, Phyllis Shaffner, Corwin Ray.

Row Two. (Read left to right) Lois Ruth Borden, Ernie Walls, Anna K. Baer, Robert McCoy, Anna Louise Edwards.

Row Three. (Read left to right) Harold Eddy, Donna Dumar, Donald McOmber, Ruth Hoaglin.

FRESHMAN CRUISE

President ..... Dean McOmber
Vice President ..... Glenn Knerr
Secretary-Treasurer ..... Mabel Bauer
Sponsor ..... Mr. DuBois

Class Flower: Carnation
Class Colors: Gold and Blue
Motto: By Our Own Efforts We Hope to Rise

We, the twenty-one Freshmen, started off to the adventure that awaits us in the oncoming years of high school. We started the year out with Captain McOmber, First Mate Knerr and Second Mate Bauer guiding us happily on our journey.

The class cruised around with fair weather until a storm appeared on the horizon, which we recognized as the Sophomore initiation party. All went well until we met up with another ship and on it were the semester examinations which we happily passed; so our happy group sailed on.

We had some spills and thrills at our roller skating parties on the recreation deck which helped to make the cruise more fun.

We completed our cruise in May, and will be seeing you again next year as Sophomores.

Virginia Brewer

FRESHMAN CLASS ROLL

Row One. (Read left to right) Rodger Wilson, Mabel Bauer, Dean McOmber, Margie Mason, Donald Hoblet, Berniece Bauer, Ronald Rase.

Row Two. (Read left to right) David Imler, Ruth Mefferd, Billy Donley, Virginia Brewer, Frederick Smith, Marcile Reid, Marhl Flickinger.

Row Three. (Read left to right) Anna Jean Piehl, Glenn Knerr, Margie Hunter, Carl Cook, Louise Purk, Robert Barry.

EIGHTH GRADE

SEVENTH GRADE

EIGHTH GRADE

Six faculty members and a group of about seventy-five high school students watched our bashful class of eighth grade pupils enter the large assembly room for the first time early in September. Much of this bashfulness has been lost and we have had a year in which we have learned much.

We chose as our leaders for the year, Purl Miller, President; Edna Murphy, Vice-President; and Bernard Fisher, Secretary.

Top row. (Read left to right) Bernard Fisher, Edna Murphy, Clarence Grubaugh, Phyllis Hoaglin, Guy Wilson; Middle row, Carl Snyder, Laurene Dumar, George Hembrecht, Marguerite Barry, Earl Rickard; Bottom row, Nina Mason, Ray Reno, Doris McCandlish.

SEVENTH GRADE

We, the seventh grade, started the school term of 1939-40 out right by electing Mark Knerr, President; Kenneth Grubaugh, Vice-President; and Richard Stripe, Secretary.

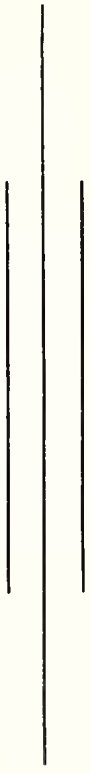
We had a very enjoyable year with lots of parties, lots of fun and lots of work. Miss Elder, our capable advisor, helped to make the year successful with her many helpful suggestions and advice.

Top row. (Read left to right) Paul Landrum, Annabelle Burke, Ray Taylor, Mary Lou Buchner, Richard Smith, Carma Marshall; Middle row, Mark Knerr, Robert Stripe, Ruby Stuckey, Richard Stripe, Lois Wilmore, Junior Donley; Bottom row, James Barrera, Walter Baer, Phyllis Miller, Carl Mathews, Kenneth Grubaugh.

Boy scouts

Girl Reserves

ACTIVITIES



SENIOR CLASS PLAY

"HILLBILLY COURTSHIP"

Yes, it went off with a big bang! Them thar rootin, tootin, feudin, yodelin, singin, Hillbillies from Hog Mountain really showed what they could do in their fine portrayal of "Hillbilly Courtship," a three-act comedy which was given on March 29th. Sech feudin you never saw—mah ears are still a-ringin' and mah britches smells of gun-powder somethin' fierce.

CHARACTERS

Emmy Peppin, Flower of the Ozarks.....Juanita Baer
Luke Stilsby, In love with the Flower.....Charles Hargesheimer
Ma Peppin, Mother of the Flower.....Phoebe McCandlish
Lulu Triffet, Radio Hillbilly.....Dorothy Mason
Seedie Triffet, Radio Hillbilly.....Miriam Flickinger
Sol Silverstein, Manager of the Triffets.....Don Knerr
Louis Cattaro, A tempermental Italian.....Robert Smith
Pa Stilsby, A feudist of the old school.....Vondale Taylor
Wash Jeddo, The mountain nitwit.....Karl Laemmle
Bridget O'Flannigan, A wild Irish rose.....Eloise Miller
Reverend Boswell, The preacher man.....Lindsay McCandlish

JUNIOR CLASS PLAY

"THIS NIGHT BEWARE"

On November eighth the Junior class gave a mystery-comedy entitled "THIS NIGHT BEWARE." It was very well given and the audience was kept on pins and needles until the very last. The cast of characters was as follows:

Velma Bayne	Violet Fiock
Allen Blair	Burton Hoblet
Todd Miller	Dale McOmber
Marty Hawks	Eleanor Dumar
Nan Carter	Betty Mace
Francis Mallory	Eugene Taylor
Hugh Stanton	Lester Goings
Harriet Hotchkiss	Mildred Tompson
Tommy Meadows	Earl DeLong
Madame Zora	Catherine Hunter
Lazarus	Ernest Rickard
Sukey	Alice Ehman

GIRLS GLEE CLUB

BOYS GLEE CLUB

BAND

GIRLS' GLEE CLUB

Glee is right! We've been having a grand time all year. Of course the sopranos have had to work extra hard but all in all we have enjoyed it.

Many selections have been given in assembly programs and we also did our best for the Farmers' Institute, the Music Festival, Spring Concert, Baccalaureate and Commencement.

Under the leadership of Miss Sheley and with the help of Donna Dumar at the piano, we have perfected many new and beautiful numbers.

Nine of the girls sang "Hills of Dream" at the music festival as a special number. The chorus also sang at Van Wert Business University.

Top row. (Read left to right) Leola Speelman, Anna Jean Piehl, Ruth Mefferd, Violet Fiock, Mildred Thompson, Betty Mace, Mabel Bauer, Eunice Thompson, Donna Dumar, Marcile Reid, Eleanor Dumar.

Middle row. (Read left to right) Miss Sheley, director; Alice Ehman, Margie Mason, Virginia Brewer, Neva Mae Rice, Louise Purk, Margie Hunter, Lois Ruth Borden, Catherine Hunter, Ruth Hoaglin, Anna Louise Edwards.

Bottom row. (Read left to right) Grace Murphy, Juanita Baer, Phoebe McCandlish, Eloise Miller, Mildred Basil, Miriam Flickinger, Virginia Stripe, Dorothy Mason, Mary Davis.

BOYS' GLEE CLUB

The Boys' Glee Club, under the direction of Mr. Weiler, meets every Tuesday and Thursday for rehearsal. They have given several numbers at chapel programs, Farmers' Institute and on several other occasions. They cooperated with the other schools in presenting the county musical.

Top row. (Read left to right) Fred Smith, Robert Whitaker, Eugene Taylor, Gerald Reid, Dale McOmber, Harold Eddy, Carl Cook, Dean McOmber.

Second row. (Read left to right) Lester Goings, Carl Foust, Beryl Grubaugh, Earl DeLong, Marhl Flickinger, Ernest Rickard, Ronald Rase, Billie Donley, Mr. Weiler.

Third row. (Read left to right) Barney Short, Don Knerr, Chas. Hargesheimer, Gene Hoaglin, Karl Laemmle, Robert Smith, Earl Speelman, Lindsay McCandlish.

Bottom row. (Read left to right) Robert McCoy, Donald McOmber, Donald Hoblet, Glenn Knerr, Bob Barry, Rodger Wilson, David Imler, Fred Ehman.

THE BAND

Top row. (Read left to right) Mr. Weiler, Robert Stripe, Laurene Dumar, Donna Dumar, Fred Smith, Richard Stripe.

Middle row. (Read left to right) Glenn McClure, Donald Dumar, Donald Hoblet, Carl Cook, Gerald Reid, Beryl Grubaugh, Carl Foust, Ronald Rase, Donald McOmber, Billy McOmber.

Bottom row. (Read left to right) Burton Hoblet, Lester Goings, Mildred Basil, Eugene Taylor, Barney Short, Don Knerr, Earl DeLong, Gale Reid.

BAND

At the beginning of the school year (1939-40), a band, the first in the history of Union School, was organized under the direction of Mr. P. G. Weiler. They began with approximately sixteen members, but more students took up the challenge and at present the total membership is twenty-three. The band has taken part in several chapel programs. They participated in the Farmers' Institute Program, and a number of the P. T. A. demonstrations. They also united with the other bands of the county to take part in the Band Festival, which was held at the Van Wert High School, on May 7.

MEMBERS

TRUMPETS

Mildred Basil
Frederick Smith
Glenn McClure
Ronald Rase
Laurene Dumar

CLARINETS

Barney Short
Lester Goings
Donald Hoblet
Carl Cook
Donald Dumar
Robert Stripe
Richard Stripe

TROMBONES

Don Knerr
Earl De Long
Billie McOmber
Gale Reid

SAXOPHONE

Burton Hoblet

BASS HORN

Gerald Reid

BASS DRUM

Eugene Taylor

SNARE DRUMS

Carl Foust
Donna Dumar

ALTO HORN

Donald McOmber

CYMBALS

Beryl Grubaugh

MIXED CHORUS

The Mixed Chorus is a select group this year, taken from the two Glee Clubs. Mr. Weiler is the director and Miss Sheley plays the piano.

Many new numbers have been worked out during the year. Much work was put on the selections for the Music Festival which was held at Van Wert on April ninth. A good showing was also made at Farmers' Institute.

GIRL RESERVES

All thirty-two members of Union's Girl Reserve Club are proud of their organization. And why shouldn't they be? We have a very good advisor, Miss Miller, and the officers are splendid. The club has been very active all year.

Officers were elected as follows at a meeting held last year: President, Mary Davis; Vice President, Mildred Basil; and Secretary-Treasurer, Virginia Stripe.

The first Saturday night in each month is Girl Reserve night at the Y. W. C. A. in Van Wert. On October second the Union girls were hostesses. In the afternoon we made carameled apples which were served at the party. And the Christmas party was very enjoyable with the Snow-Ball decorations making the occasion more effective. Skating, dancing, and games have been entertainment at these parties.

The Girl Reserve recognition service for the installation of new members was held on December twentieth. All Girl Reserves and their mothers were present. The candle service was very impressive, with new members taking the Girl Reserve pledge and lighting their candles from that of the president. A program under the supervision of Eloise Miller was held, and Miss Barbour, Y. W. C. A. Secretary, gave a short talk.

A project during the year was giving five cents per member toward the support of a Chinese girl for one year. Mrs. Stripe suggested this project to us.

During the year each girl had a Peanut Sister, a secret pal who was remembered on birthday anniversary, Chistmas, etc.

On February ninth the Girl Reserves gave a one-act comedy entitled "What Husbands Don't Know," in chapel.

Phoebe McCandlish

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BOY SCOUTS

A new organization this year is a troop of Boy Scouts. There are nine members and Mr. Fasig is troop leader. All members have earned their tender-foot badges and are working towards second class Scout rank.

February 8-15 was Boy Scout week. The troop had their pictures taken during this week.

The organization is rapidly growing and next year they will really go to town.

Top row. (Read left to right) Harold V. Fasig, Scoutmaster; Harold Eddy, Ronald Rase, Marhl Flickinger, Carl Cook.

Bottom row. (Read left to right) Robert Barry, Dean McOmber, Billy Donley, Donald McOmber, Robert McCoy.

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ATHLETICS

W[illegible]

[illegible] Harold V. Fash

Vincent Taylor

Barney [illegible]

[illegible]ald Reid

Robert Whitaker

[illegible] Harold [illegible]

Don Knell

Karl Laemmle

Eugene Taylor

Earl DeLong

Manager Robert Smith

BOYS' SPORT COLUMN

Union High, Basketball Season, 1939-1940.—By special leased wire reports received today the Fighting Union Wildcats are reported to have finished one of the best seasons in the history of the school. A total of 16 wins against 3 losses is the way the Purple and White sharpshooters finished the season.

A quartet of four veterans formed the nucelus of the team this season. They were Charles Hargesheimer, Barney Short, Willard Dougal and Vondale Taylor. As the season began Vondale Taylor our stellar center of last year was forced from regular play because of an injury received in the fall baseball games. Willard Dougal was then called on to carry the brunt of the center position. Don Knerr showed such rapid progress in the early practices that he earned a starting position as left guard—and he held that position all season in a most capable manner. Robert Whitaker, flashy little long-shot artist, proved himself varsity timber and held down a regular berth at right guard all season. Charles Hargesheimer, Barney Short, and Willard Dougal lived up to expectations and played a bang-up brand of ball all year. Vondale Taylor, Gerald Reid, Earl DeLong, Eugene Taylor, and Karl Laemmle were the other members of the Big Ten.

Dead-Eye Barney Short won the distinction of being Van Wert County's highest scorer for the season. In 16 league games he scored a total of 191 points. Willard Dougal was close on his heels and finished fourth highest with 131 points.

The Wildcats who received the coveted "U" for their basketball efforts were: Barney Short, senior; Charles Hargesheimer, senior; Willard Dougal, senior; Don Knerr, senior; Robert Whitaker, junior; Vondale Taylor, senior; Gerald Reid, junior; Karl Laemmle, senior.

LEAGUE STANDING

UNION	13	3
Middle Point	15	1
Willshire	13	3
Ridge	10	6
Ohio City	6	9
Hoaglin-Jackson	6	10
Convoy	6	10
York	3	13
Wren	0	16

SEASON'S RECORD

Union Score	Opponent	Opponent's Score
34	Hoaglin-Jackson	33
28	Ohio City	26
20	Convoy	22
21	Haviland	17
34	Willshire	46
28	Delphos-Jefferson	16
23	Middle Point	27
62	Wren	25
40	York	20
27	Ridge	24
38	Hoaglin-Jackson	35
54	Ohio City	31
25	Convoy	24
40	Grover Hill	32
32	Willshire	19
47	Wren	18
40	Middle Point	36
43	York	26
43	Ridge	35
*27	Willshire	34

*Tournament

GIRLS' SPORT COLUMN

A salute to the girl champions of Van Wert County. The Union girls lived up to the old Union tradition this year by bringing home the girls' league trophy after a successful season. Mary Davis, Eloise Miller, and Mildred Basil, three veterans, started the season. Mildred retired, and in her place came a capable junior by the name of Betty Mace. The other players to make up the first team were, Anna Baer, Juanita Baer, and Lois Taylor.

We finished our season with 9 wins and 3 losses. In league play we won 6, tied 1, and lost 1. Juanita Baer, was the sharp-shooter of the team and scored a total of 173 points.

The girls who will receive letters are: Juanita Baer, Mary Davis, and Eloise Miller, seniors; Betty Mace, Junior; Anna K. Baer and Lois Taylor, sophomores; and Louise Purk, freshman.

The season's record was as follows:

Union Score	Opponent	Opponent's Score
15	Hoaglin-Jackson	18
17	Ohio City	18
21	Haviland	20
9	Middle Point	7
20	Wren	18
27	Hoaglin-Jackson	17
20	Ohio City	20
20	Convoy	18
45	Willshire	15
9	Wren	7
16	Middle Point	19
30	York	18
25	Ridge	12

BASEBALL

At the close of a bleak fall season the Union Wildcat Baseball Team finished the first half of their fall and spring schedule with a record of three wins and one defeat. Our Wildcats of the sodded diamond are setting a fast pace in the Van Wert County League and are now in second place topped only by Tully-Convoy.

This spring they should prove a real threat to other teams as they have their eyes set on Championship. With this thought in mind we say, "Come on Wildcats, tear 'em up."

BASEBALL RECORD FOR ONE-HALF YEAR

Individual Scoring

Name	G	AB	H	R	BB	HR	AVG.	E
Hargesheimer	7	18	6	7	6	0	.333	1
Whitaker	6	19	6	3	0	1	.315	2
V. Taylor	7	24	7	7	0	0	.291	1
Dougal	7	18	5	5	2	2	.277	9
Goings	7	20	4	3	2	0	.200	9
Laemmle	3	5	1	0	2	0	.200	0
Short	7	14	2	1	2	0	.144	1
Knerr	7	18	2	4	3	1	.111	2
E. Taylor	7	18	2	4	2	0	.111	2
Hoaglin	7	18	1	4	1	0	.055	2
McCoy	1	1	0	0	0	0	.000	0
DeLong	1	1	0	0	0	0	.000	0

Season's Record (Half)

WE		OPP.
0	Convoy	2
8	Wren	2
5	Ridge	4
4	Hoaglin-Jackson	3

Key

G—games
AB—at bat
H—hits
BB—base on balls
HR—home runs
AVG.—batting average
E—errors

BASEBALL BOYS

CHEERLEADERS

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